



Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions

protecting wetlands, open space and biological diversity through education and advocacy

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Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
New Bedford City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

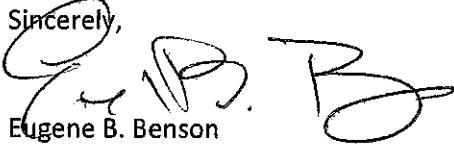
I am very pleased to inform you that Craig Dixon, associated with the New Bedford Conservation Commission, successfully completed the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners course and has received a Certificate of Achievement for that accomplishment.

The nine-unit Fundamentals course provides conservation commissioners and others with the basic knowledge and practical tools essential to carry out the many responsibilities of administering the Wetlands Protection Act and open space planning. Such training promotes sound, consistent fact based decision-making and builds respect for conservation commission decisions. Each person who completes the course validates the wisdom of locally-based protection of wetlands and open space for current and future generations.

We congratulate Craig for undertaking this training, as well you and the New Bedford Conservation Commission for recognizing the value of training in commission work and supporting this important training for your commission. Enclosed is a media release announcing Craig's achievement for forwarding to your local newspaper.

We believe participation in continuing education on wetland and open space issues is an essential aspect of the work of conservation commission members and staff. We hope you will encourage commissioners to participate and assure that the commission budget includes adequate funding for the modest training fees necessary for participation.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: New Bedford Conservation Commission